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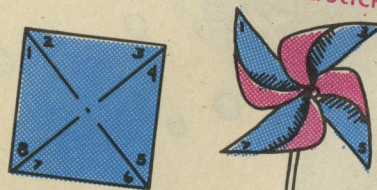


GANG PROJECT

Do you listen to the weather forecast a lot? It's always interesting to know what the weather will be like and we've come up with some simple ways of finding out about the weather.

WINDMILL

You will need a large square piece of paper. Draw diagonal lines on it as shown in the picture. Cut along these lines and number each corner as shown. Fasten corners 2, 4, 6 and 8 to the centre with a tack and stick the tack into a stick.



HI GANG!

Phew! What an issue! Scorching sun one moment and icy sleet the next! We're certainly in a state with Professor T. Potts' new weather machine! But whatever the weather you can bet we're having fun! There's lots of sizzling seasonal games on pages 7 and 16 and a great story on page 8! You can learn all about guinea-pigs too, on page 10! As for me I'm off to listen to crickets chirping! That's not as odd as you think - just read the gang project on this page and all will be revealed!

Montgomery

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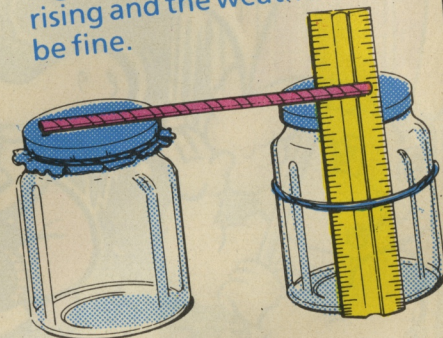
The Gang get all dressed up!



BALLOON BAROMETER

You will need 2 jars, a balloon, a drinking straw, a ruler and 2 rubber bands. Cut the balloon, stretch it across the mouth of one of the jars and secure it with a rubber band. Glue one end of the straw to the middle of the balloon lid so that the straw lies horizontally. Use the other rubber band to attach the ruler to the outside

of the other jar. Place the jars next to each other as shown, so that the straw points to the ruler. Make a note of the number to which the straw points. Then check later to see if it has changed. If the straw is lower then the air pressure is falling and it may rain. If the straw is higher then the air pressure is rising and the weather should be fine.



CRICKET THERMOMETER

Count the chirps of a cricket for 15 seconds. (They chirp faster in warm weather and slower in cold weather.) Add 40 to the number of chirps and you will have the approximate outdoor temperature (in Fahrenheit).

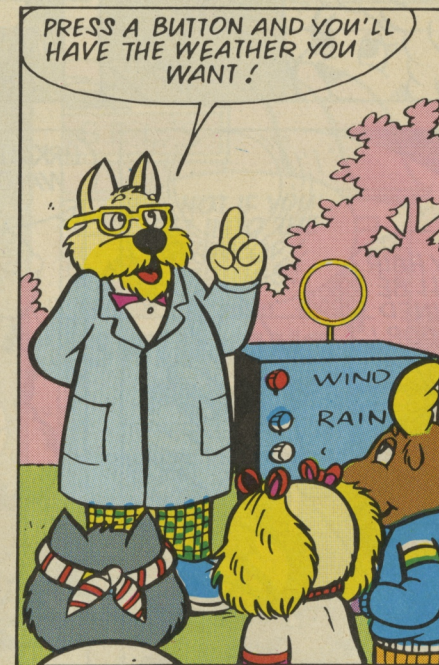
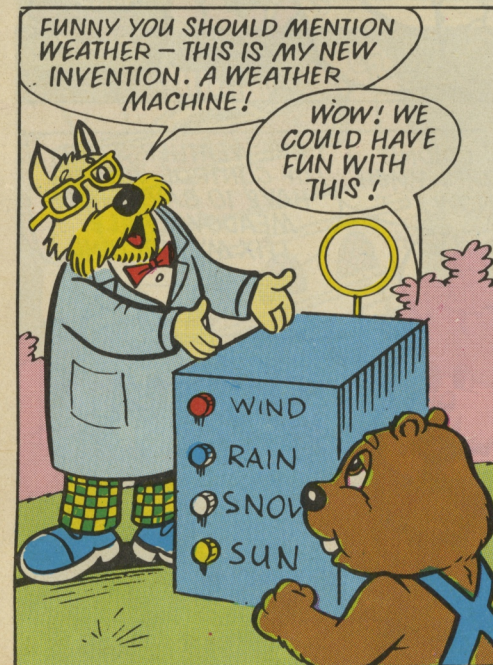


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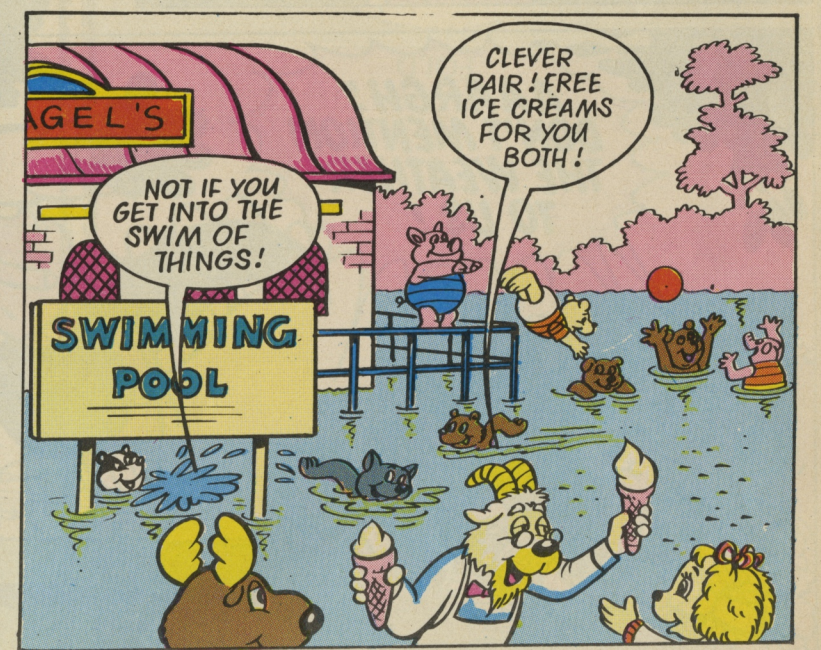
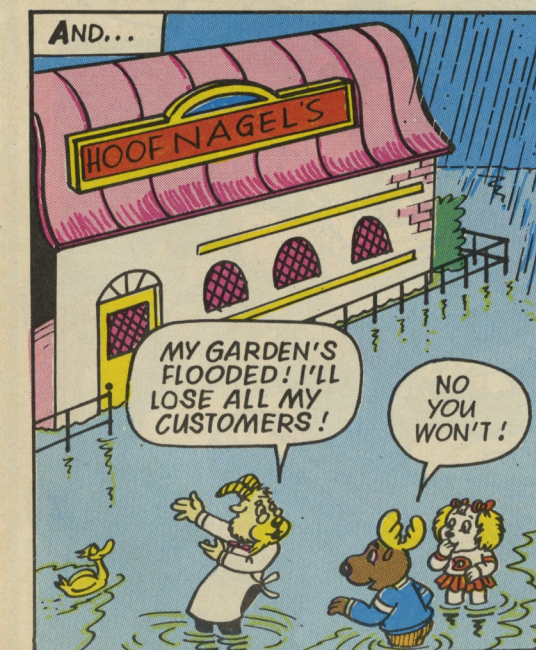
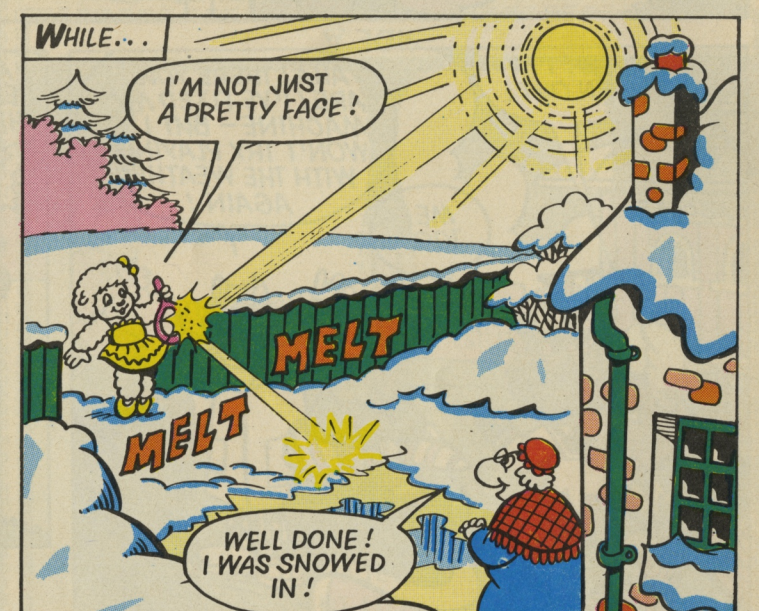
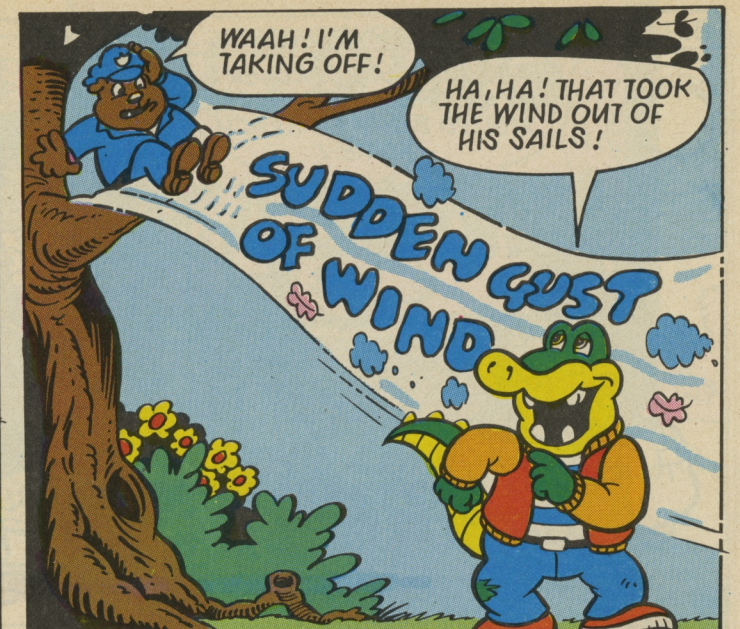
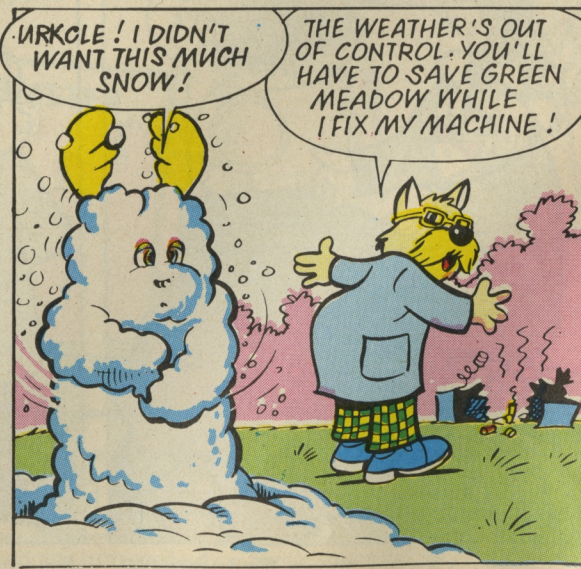
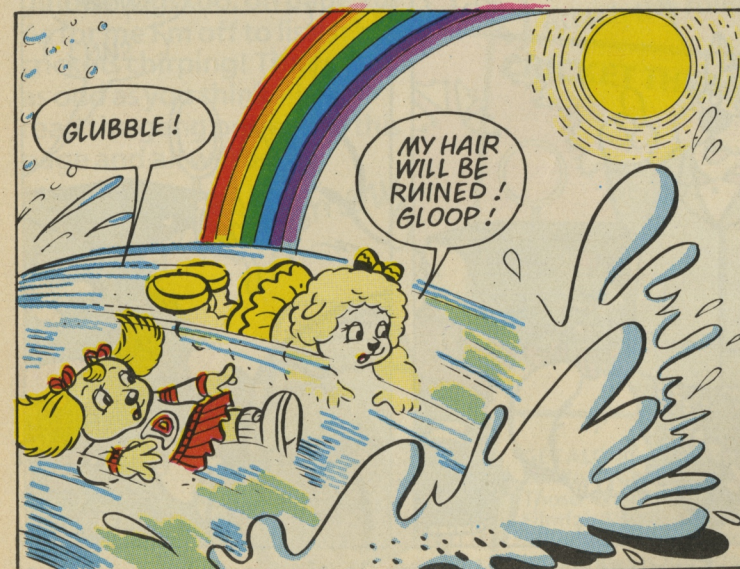
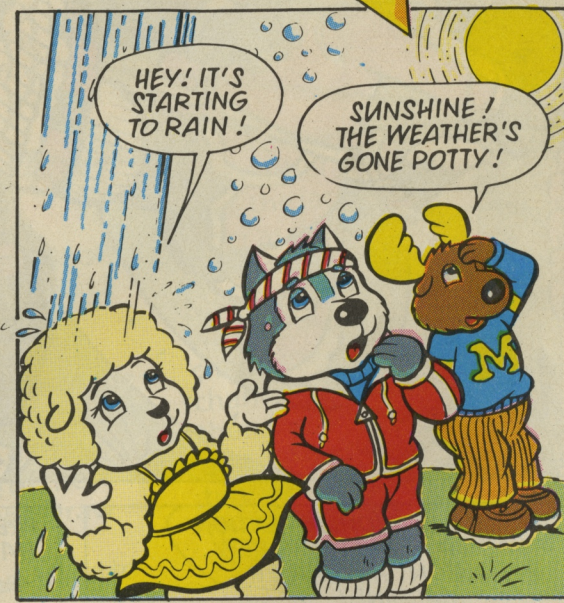
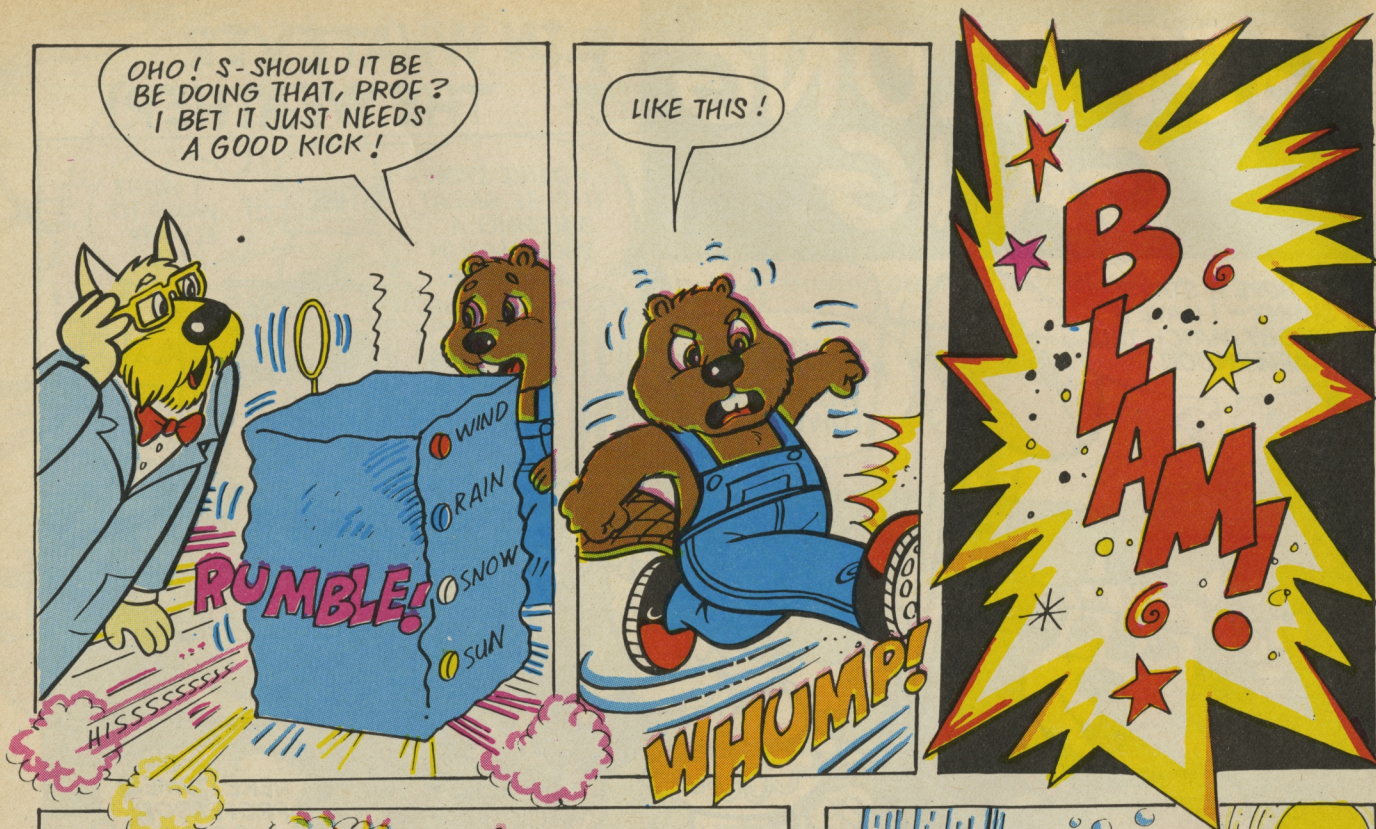
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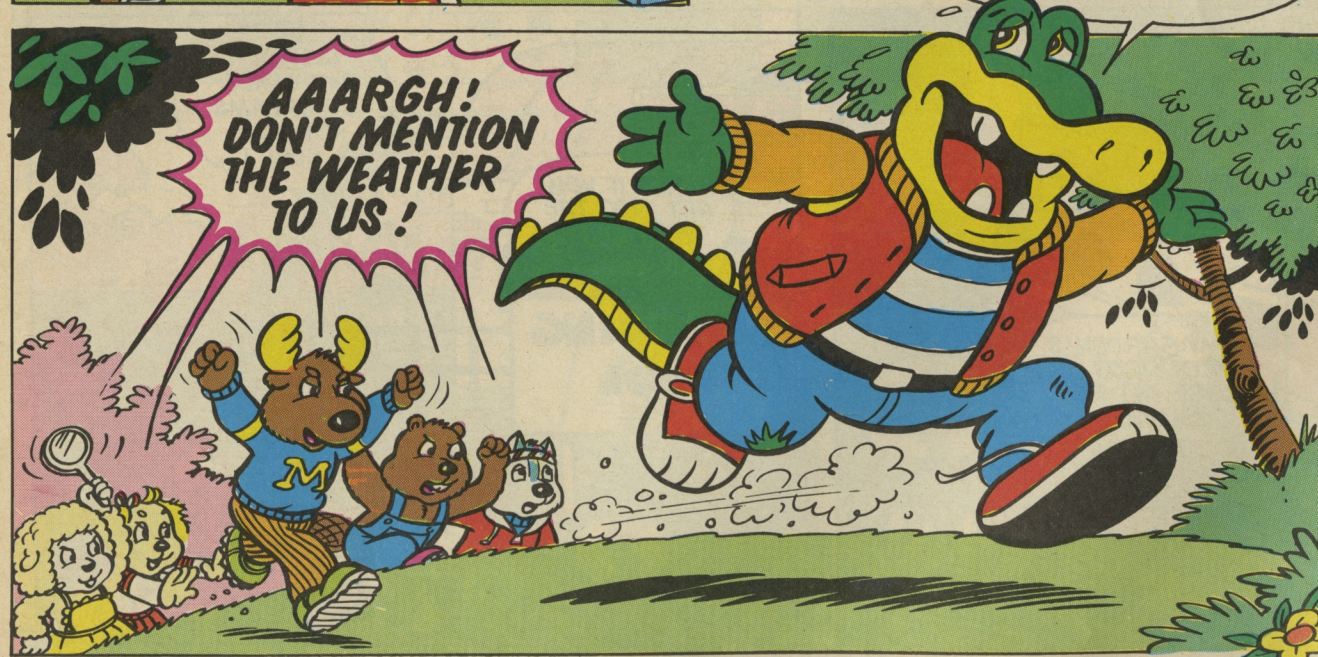
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...IN WHATEVER THE WEATHER!

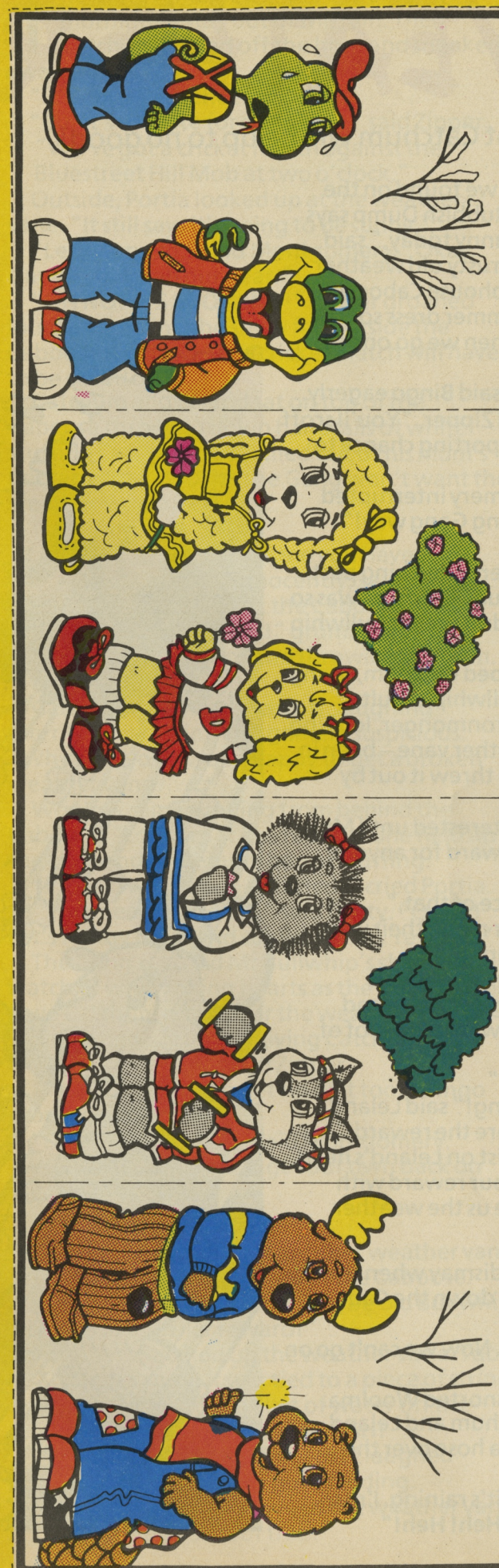


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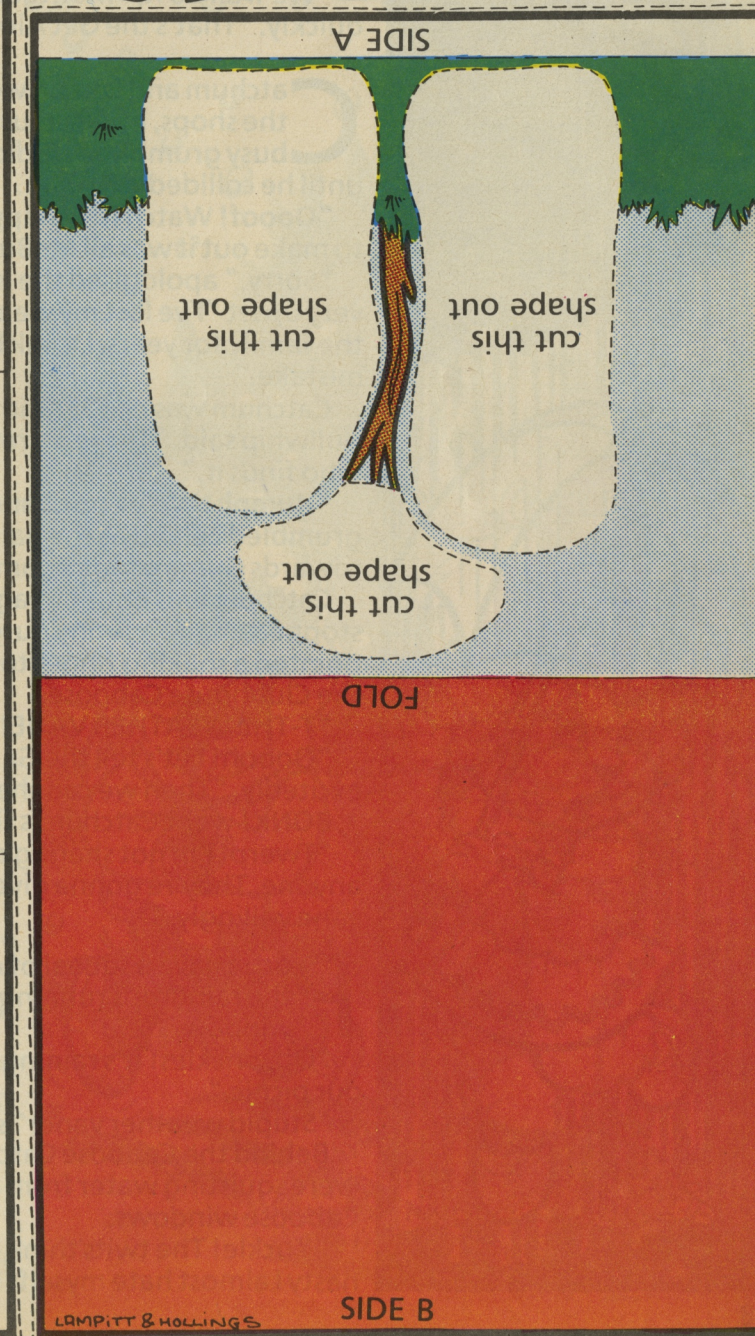
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CARD B

SLIDING SEASONS!

Follow the changing seasons with this cut-out sliding scene! First cut out card A and cut out the tree and figure spaces as marked with the dotted line. Then fold the card in half and stick side A to side B with a piece of sticky tape. Next, cut out card B and thread it through the folded card A. Pull card B and watch the seasons change!



CARD A

WONKY WEATHER!

Whatever the weather you can bet that Catchum will be up to no good!

"The weather vane we found on the Green Meadow Rubbish Dump says it's going to be sunny today," said Woolma, looking up at the rusty old weather vane on the roof of the Clubhouse Caboose. "I'll wear my prettiest summer dress so that everyone can admire me when we go on our picnic."

"I'll get the grub ready," said Bingo eagerly. "Oh no you won't!" cried Zipper. "You'll scoff the lot before we've had a sporting chance to taste any." "We'll all do it," Montgomery interrupted quickly. "That's the Get Along Gang way!"

Catchum and Leland were slouching past the shops, broke as usual. Catchum was so busy grumbling he didn't see Mr Bullwhip until he collided with him.

"Oooof! Watch it!" snapped Catchum, trying to make out it was all Mr Bullwhip's fault. "Sorry," apologised the ironmonger, looking very upset "I've lost my weather vane – been in the family for years. I think I threw it out by mistake."

Catchum was not at all interested until Mr Bullwhip said, "There's a reward for anyone who finds it."

"Humph! We've no chance of that," grumbled Leland as the pair made their way towards Gummyfoot Swamp.

Catchum was about to agree when he stopped, made a funny gurgling noise and pointed a shaking finger towards the roof of the Clubhouse Caboose.

"T-THE WEATHER VANE!"

"Ooooh! Let's tell the Gang!" said Leland excitedly. "Then we can share the reward." **BONK!** went Catchum's fist on Leland's head. "Twerp! I'm not sharing our reward with anyone. They're gonna give us the weather vane willingly."

Portia gave a squeal of dismay when she saw the raindrops running down the Caboose window.

"Oh, prickles! It's raining. Now we can't go on our picnic."

"Stupid weather vane!" snorted Woolma.

Behind the Caboose Catchum and Leland were squirting water from a hose over the Caboose windows.

"Yuckle! The twits think it's raining. I'm so nasty I almost hate myself! Heh! Heh!"



The Gang remained in the Caboose all morning to stay out of the rain. Then Catchum turned off the hose and sneaked away.

"It's stopped!" cheered Dotty.

"But it's too late for our picnic," said Zipper.

"We've got a cricket match against the Bluestreet Hill Mob at two o'clock."

Outside, Portia looked up at the weather vane. "It still says it's going to be sunny."

"Let's hope so," said Montgomery. "Okay, Gang. Let's grab our gear."

"OH NO! IT'S SNOWING!" Zipper groaned loudly, watching the snow fall outside the Caboose window. "The cricket match will have to be called off!"

Catchum and Leland sat on top of the Caboose throwing down handfuls of white stuffing Catchum had pulled out of his mum's best armchair. "HAH! The Gang won't want the weather vane after this!"

"Nice weather vane you have," said Catchum innocently, sauntering casually past the Caboose.

"Huh! You can have it!" grumbled Bingo, climbing onto the roof and throwing it to him. "It's useless!"

Catchum and Leland ran off, laughing merrily. This made Montgomery suspicious. "Why are those two so happy to get a broken weather vane?"

Woolma came running from behind the Caboose. "Look what I've found!" She held up the hose and half empty bag of stuffing.

"Yipes! We've been swizzled!" cried Portia.

"You mean swindled!" said Dotty. "Quick! Let's follow them and see what they're up to."

The Gang reached Mr Bullwhip's shop and watched with sinking hearts as the ironmonger gave Catchum money for the weather vane.

"It's Bingo's fault for giving Catchum the weather vane!" snapped Zipper.

"You lot wanted to get rid of it too!" Bingo shouted back.

"Don't let's fall out," said Montgomery. "We'll work together to get our own back on the rotters."

To Catchum's delight another weather vane rested on the doorstep of the Caboose. "Coo! If we swipe that maybe old Bullwhip will give us another reward!"

The boys snatched up the weather vane. Too late! They realised it was tied to a piece of string which pulled a large bucket of water off the roof and over them. **KER-SPLOOSH!**

"That'll teach you to cheat us!" laughed Zipper as the Gang came out of hiding. "Montgomery's uncle gave us the weather vane and we used it to set our trap."

To Zipper's surprise Catchum grinned. "We may be wet but at least we still have the reward."

"Huh! He's right," groaned Dotty. "For once Catchum's beaten us."

A large car drove past and stopped outside the Caboose. "It's Mr Wellyboots, the TV weatherman!" gasped Woolma, quickly brushing her hair.

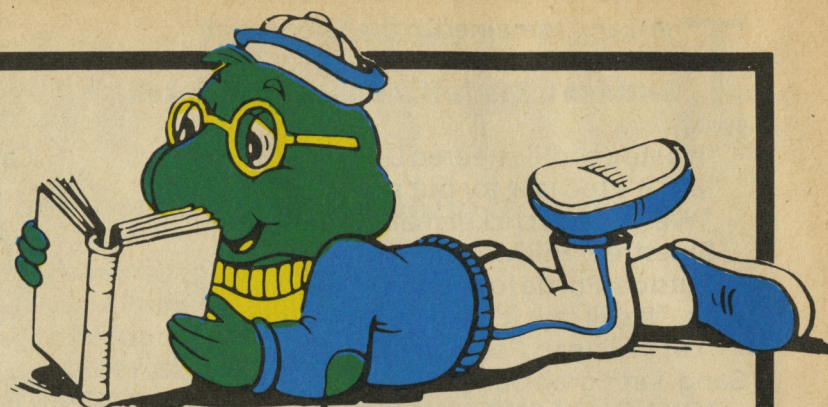
"That weather vane's just what I need to improve my show," said Mr Wellyboots, pulling out oodles of money and handing it to Montgomery. "I'll buy it off you. And you're all invited to the TV studios as my guests."

"WOW!" was all the Gang could say.

Catchum couldn't say anything at all. He was too busy rolling on the ground, kicking his legs in the air and having a jolly good cry!



AS EASY AS ABC



CHOOSING A GUINEA-PIG

There are 3 main varieties of guinea-pig: the Smooth, the Abyssinian (which has rough hair) and the Peruvian (with long silky hair). A good guinea-pig has a short body with broad shoulders with a short, broad rounded head and a snub-nose.

WHY THEY'RE FUN TO KEEP

Guinea-pigs are friendly animals, they love to be picked up and handled. Because they're so friendly it's best to have more than one.

WHERE THEY LIVE

Guinea-pigs need a nice big hutch – as big as possible! It's best to keep the hutch in your garden or shed, rather than outside. In the summer it's a good idea to

provide your guinea-pig with a run outside.

FOOD

Like rabbits guinea-pigs can live on pet shop food but will also enjoy some greenstuff. They will eat

all sorts of vegetable peelings, as well as dandelions, blackberry brambles, clover, grasses, nettle and chickweed. **Never** give your guinea-pig any of the following: bluebell, buttercup, deadly nightshade, any evergreen leaves, foxglove, hyacinth, larkspur, poppy, snapdragon, snowdrop, tulip.

These are all poisonous to your guinea-pig and you shouldn't pick wild flowers anyway.

HOW LONG DO THEY LIVE?

Guinea-pigs usually live for 5-8 years.

book choice

**Paris, Pee Wee
and Big Dog**



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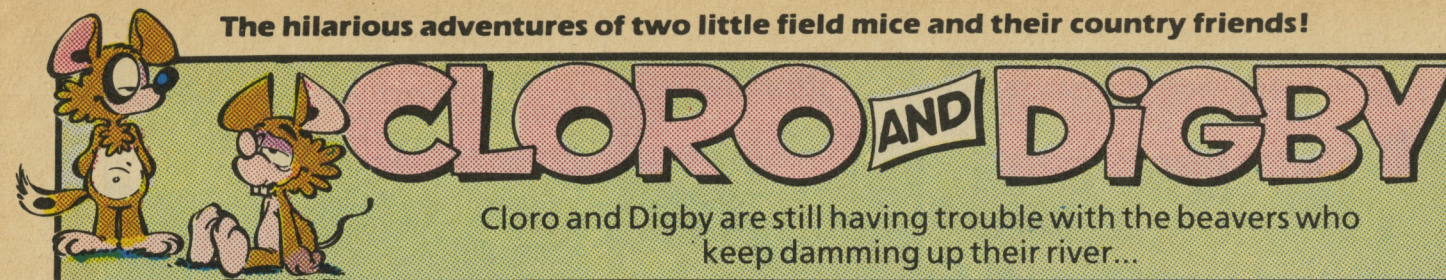
Paris, Pee Wee and Big Dog, by Rosa Guy. Illustrated by Caroline Binch. Published by Puffin Books. Price: £1.50.

Paris knows that he should stay in and clean up while his mother is at work, but how can he resist Pee Wee's challenge of a rollerskate race down Dead Man's Hill? Big Dog, Paris' cousin, joins them and a quick race turns into a day of adventure and danger – and Paris wishes he'd stayed behind to clean up after all! This exciting story is set in the bustle of New York City!

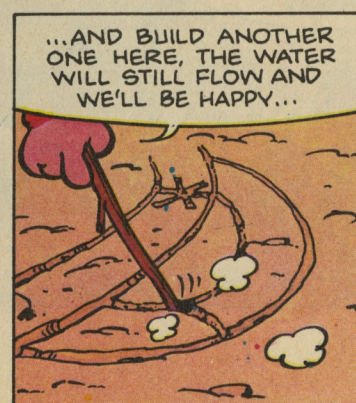
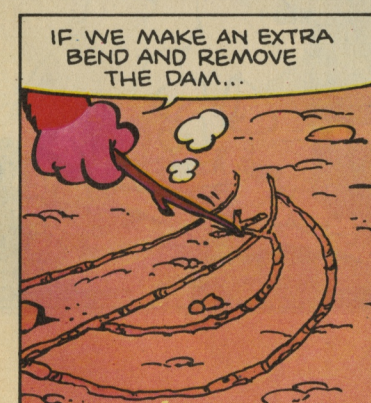
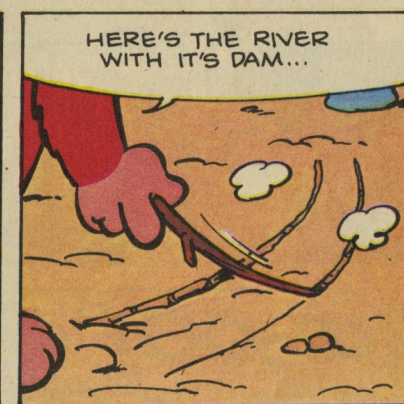


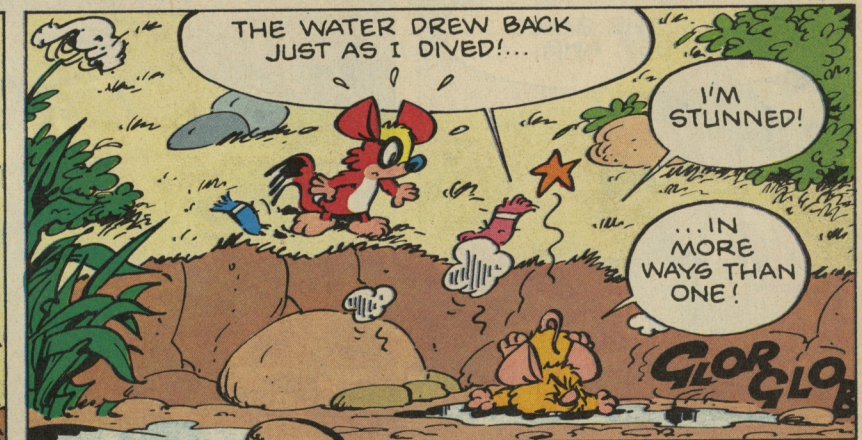
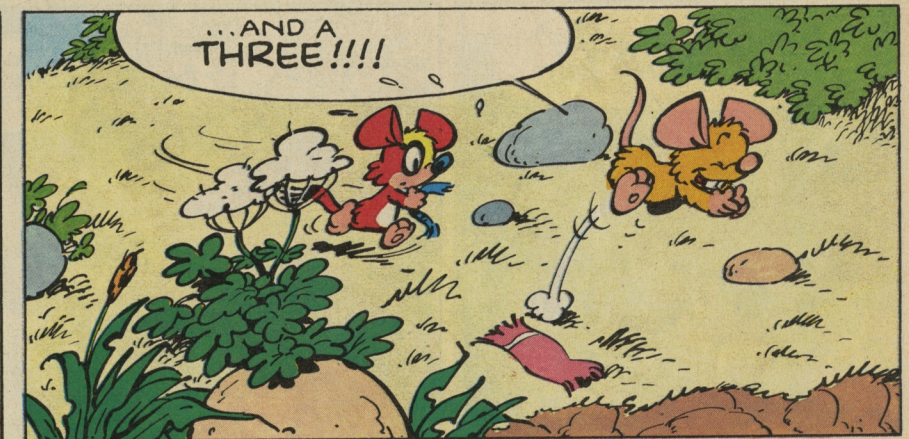
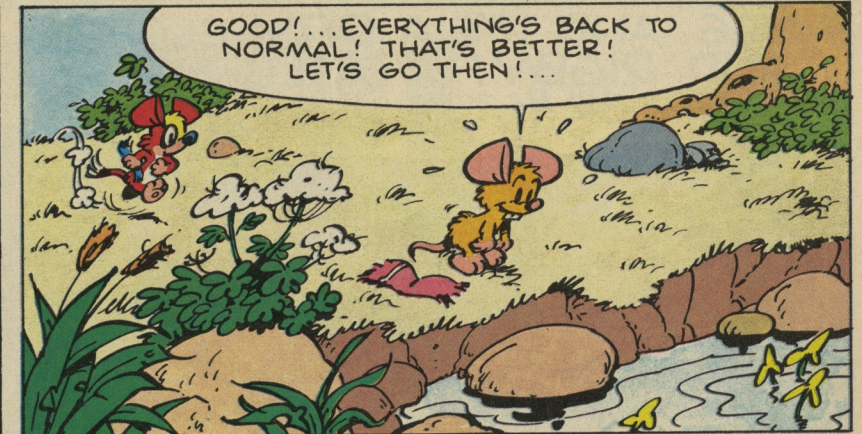
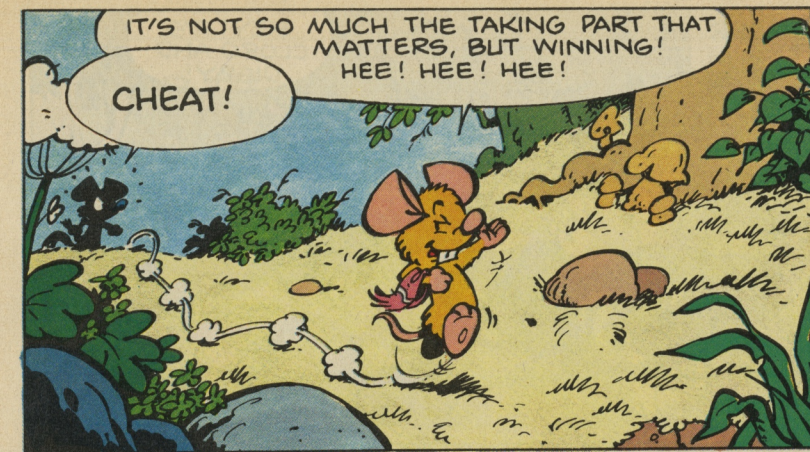
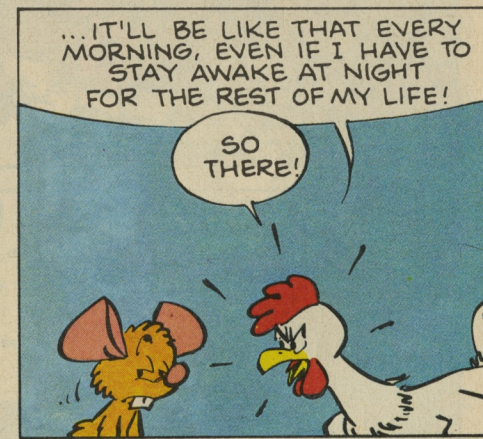
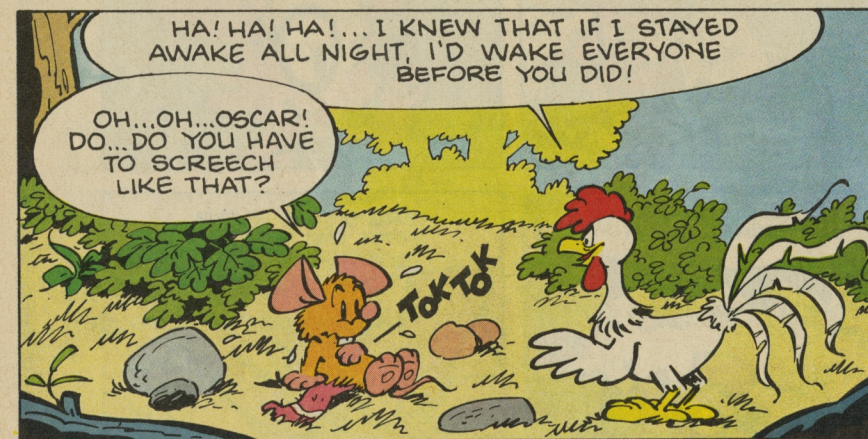
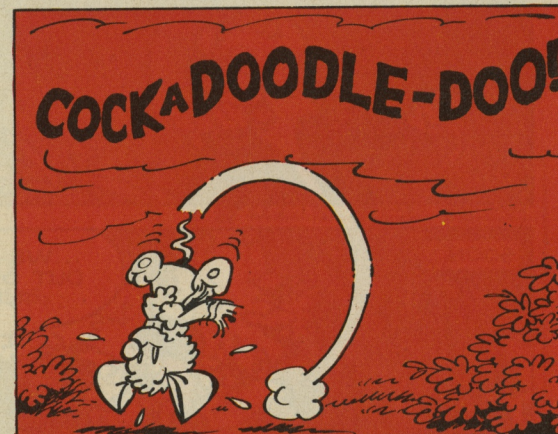
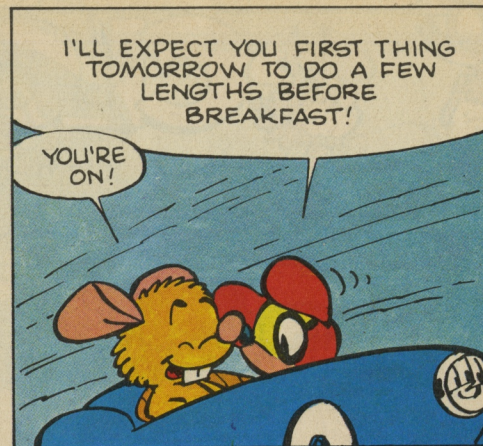
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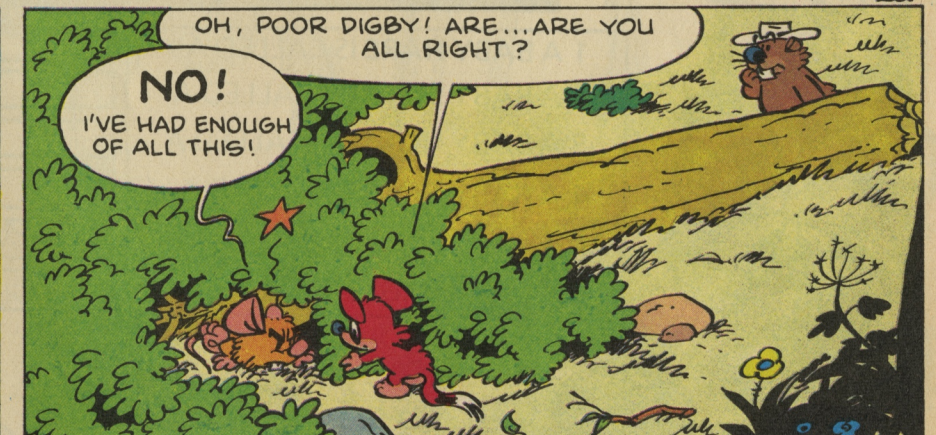
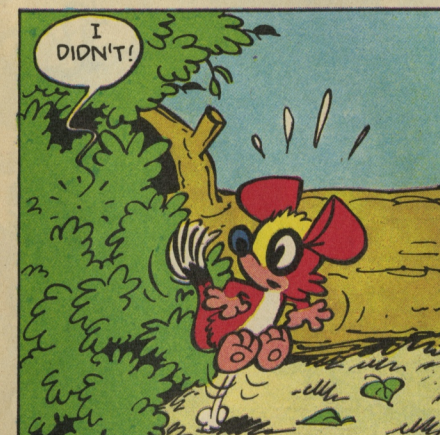
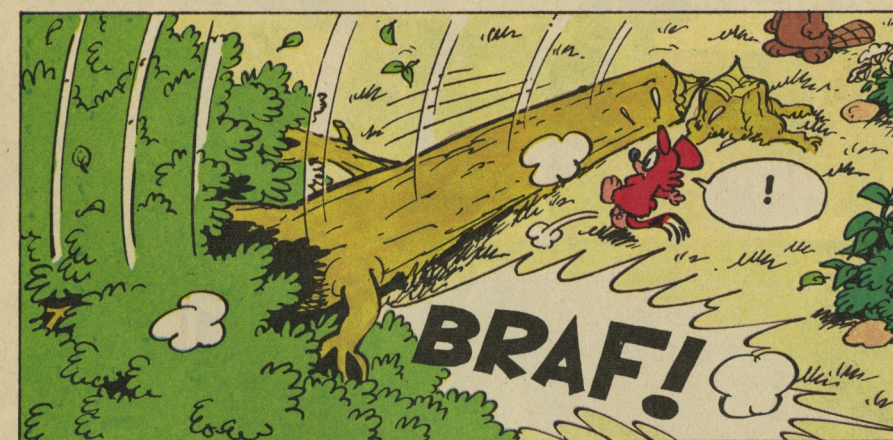
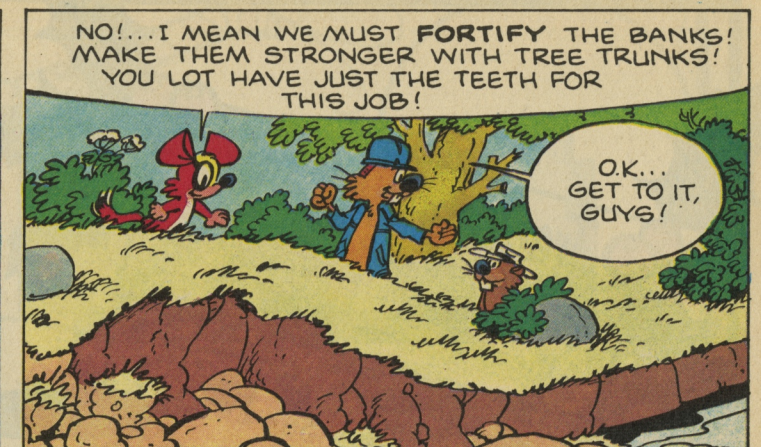
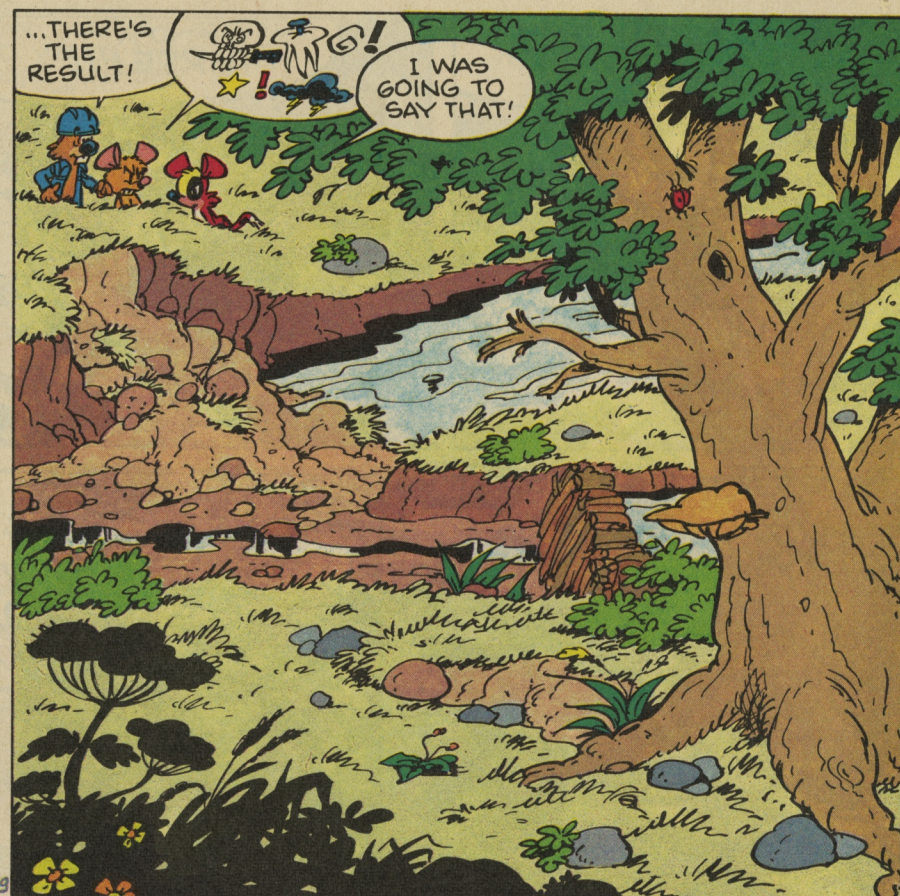
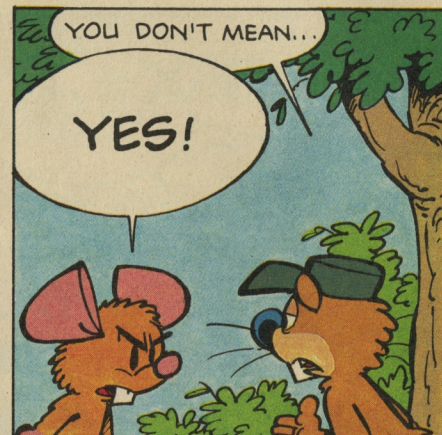
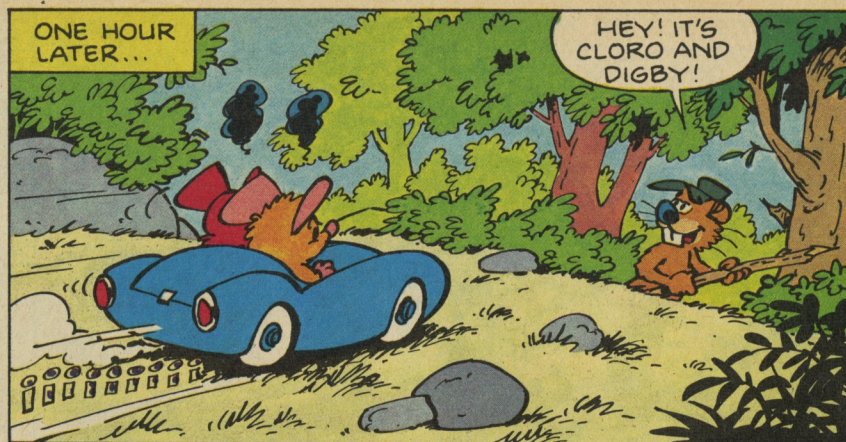
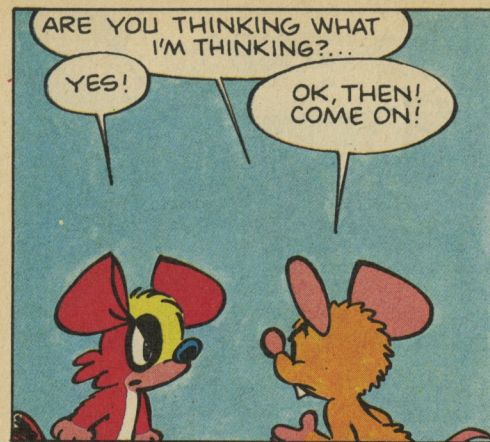
The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!



Cloro and Digby are still having trouble with the beavers who keep damming up their river...





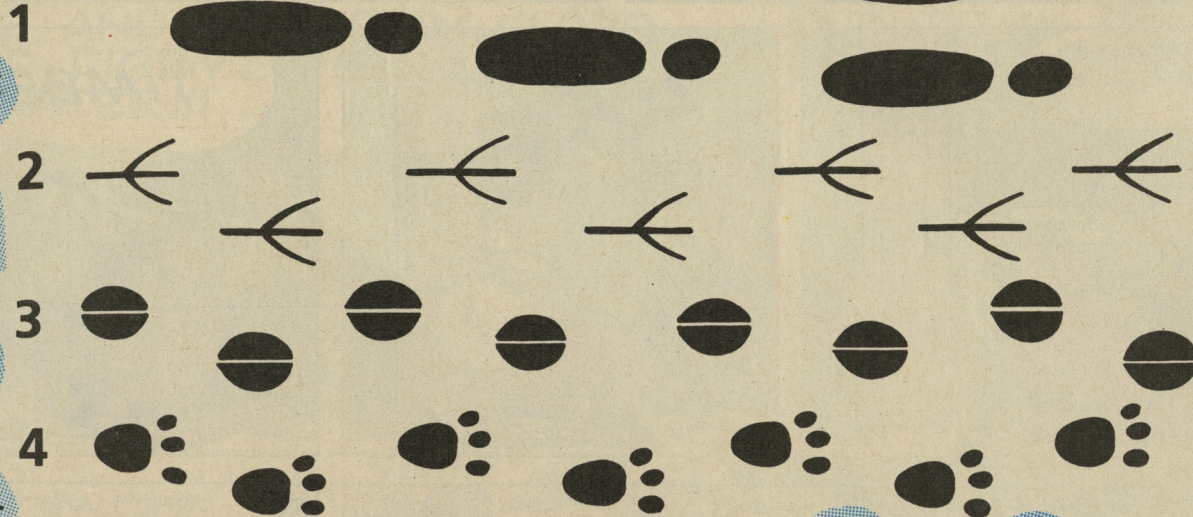


Next week: Digby's the boss!

SEASON TEASERS!

Tracks in the snow!

But which animals do they belong to? See if you can guess – the answers are below.



ANSWERS: 1 Rabbit 2 Bird 3 Deer 4 Dog

Spring's the time when baby animals are born! Some young animals have special names. Test your knowledge of these names by filling the sentences below. The answers are below.

- 1 A BABY HARE IS CALLED A
- 2 A BABY SWAN IS CALLED A
- 3 A BABY HORSE IS CALLED A
- 4 A BABY GOAT IS CALLED A
- 5 A BABY FROG IS CALLED A
- 6 A BABY EAGLE IS CALLED A

ANSWERS: 1 Leveret 2 Cygnet 3 Foal 4 Kid 5 Tadpole 6 Eaglet

LAMPITT & HOLLINGS

It's great sending cards to your friends when you're on holiday! But the senders of the cards below have forgotten to sign them! See if you can guess which of the Gang sent them.

PARIS
Dear Gang
I'm having a lovely time!
The beauty salons here
are WONDERFUL!! XX

WALES
Dear Gang
What a great holiday!
Plenty of fresh air and long walks!
I feel REALLY fit!!

BOGNOR REGIS
Dear Leland
I'm Having A GREAT Time Here - CHORTLE!
I've bin STEALING Little Kiddie's ICE-CREAMS!
YIKES! Here come the Police!

SWITZERLAND
Dear Gang,
It's just delicious here! All the Shops are full of SWEETS and CHOCOLATE!
YUM!

ANSWERS: 1 Woolma 2 Catchum 3 Zipper 4 Lolly

Hallowe'en! It's time to dress up in your spookiest outfit!





Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

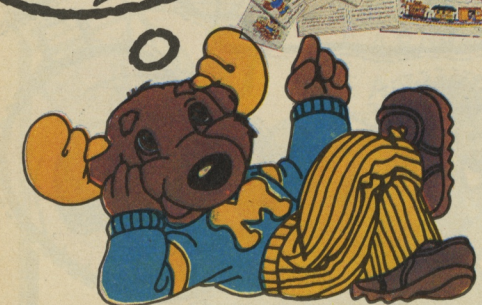
During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

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Please enrol my child as an official member.

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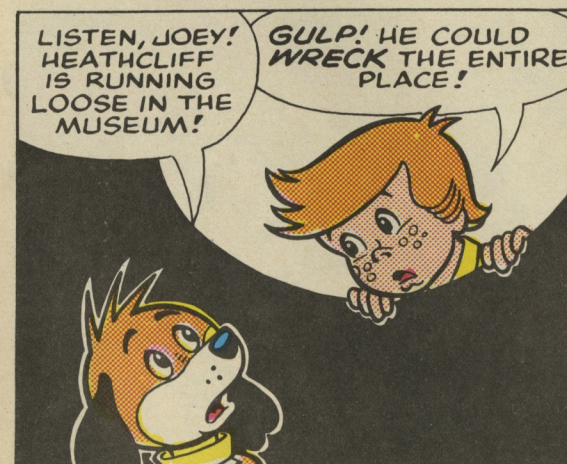
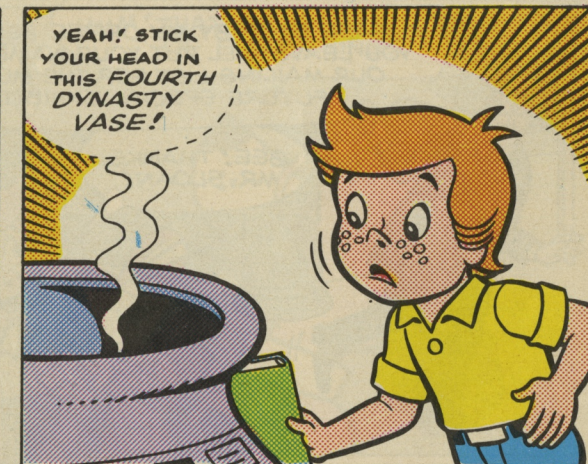
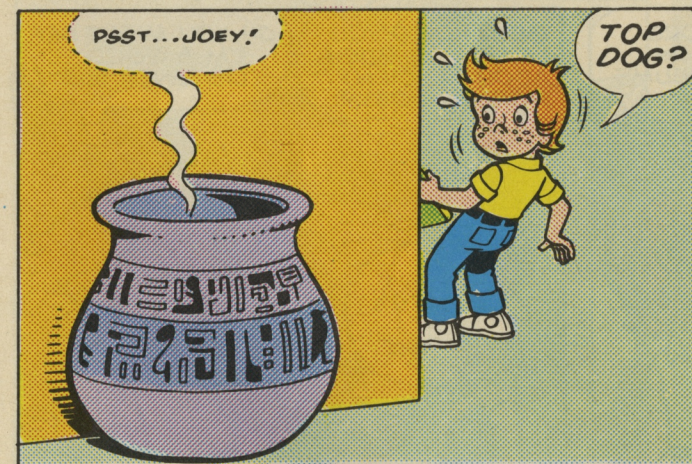
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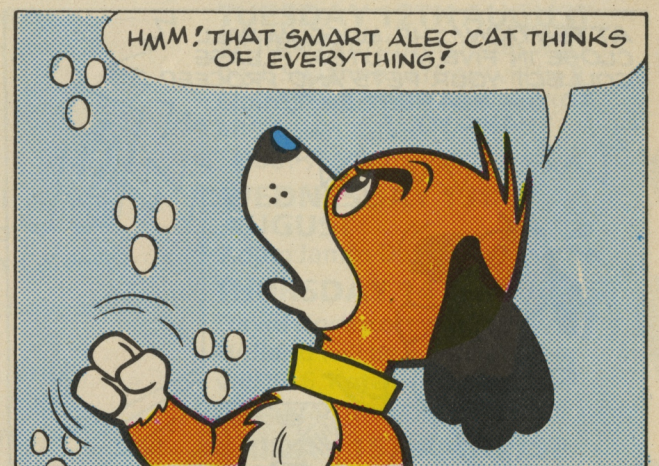
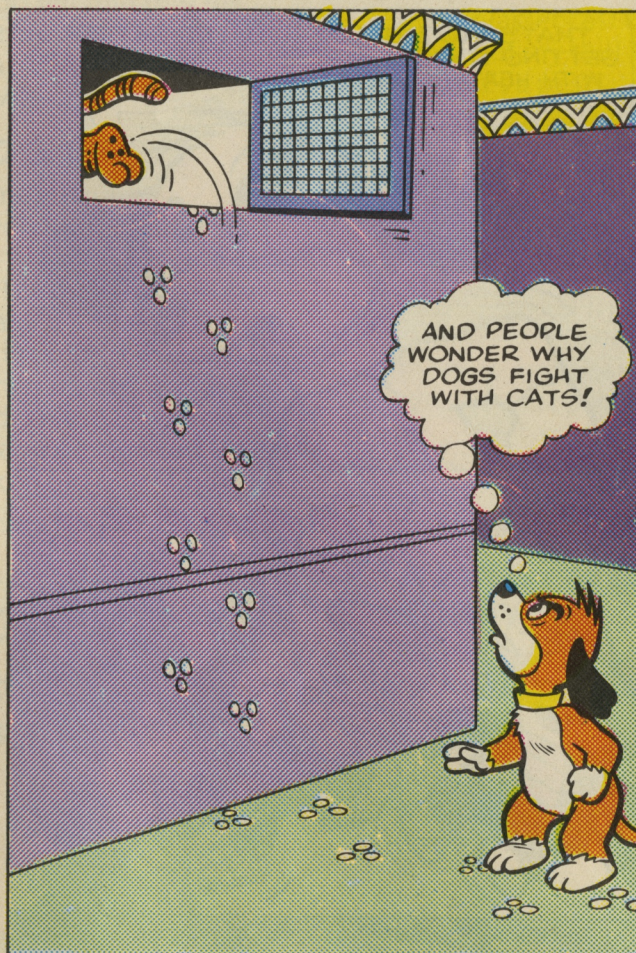
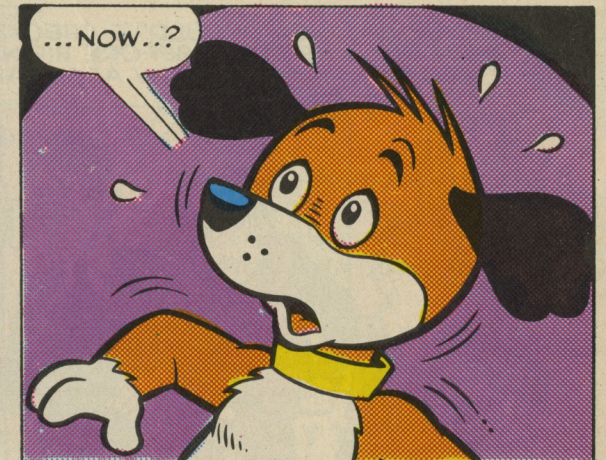
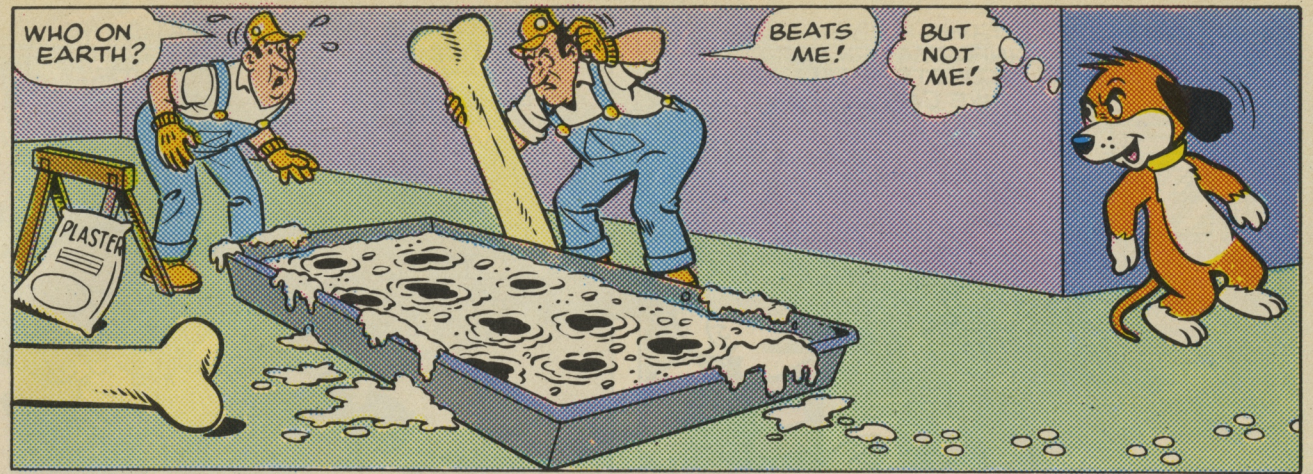
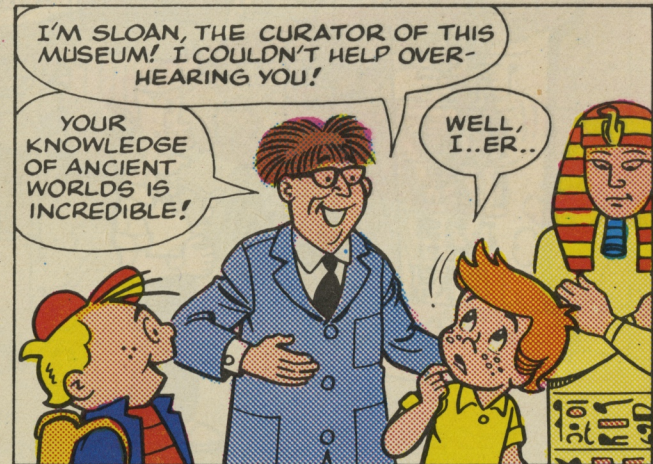
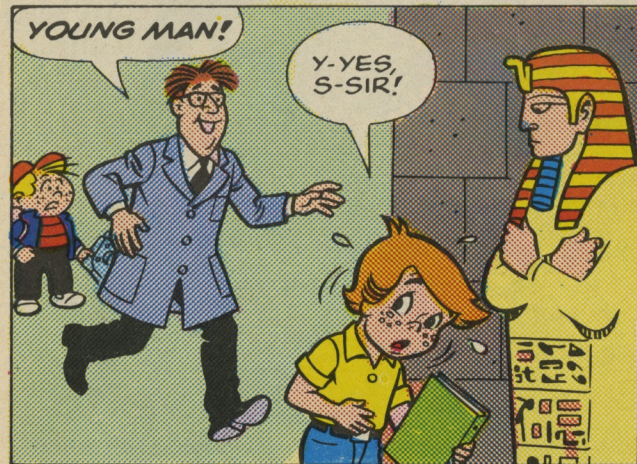
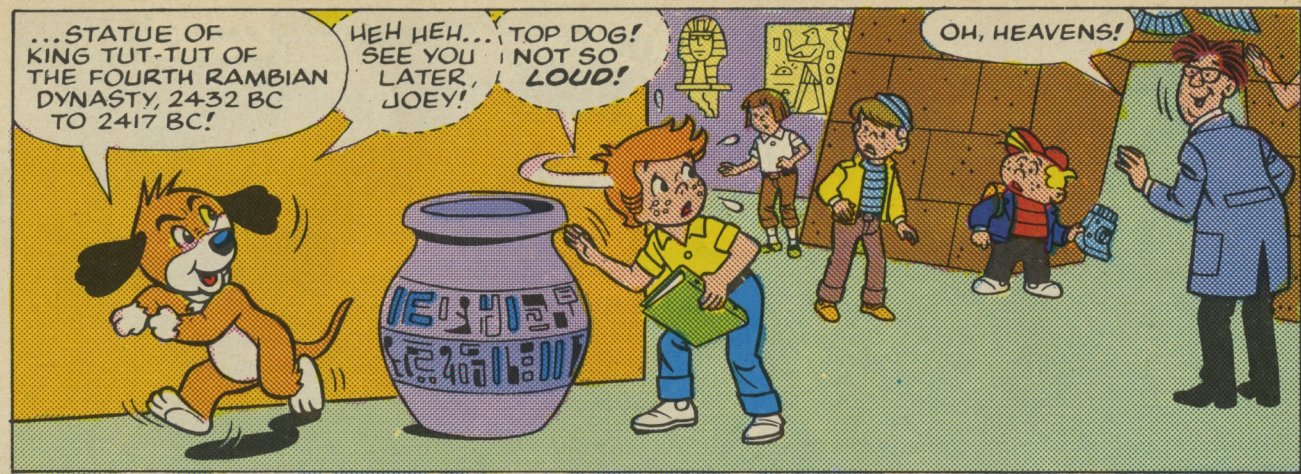
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Date of Birth:

Parents Signature:

If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.







NEXT WEEK: Chased by the jewel thieves!

LETTERS TO

GUMMYFOOT SWAMP

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!
Why did the fish swim over the TV?
Because it had always wanted to cross the channel!
Roxanne Andrews.

SICK CATCHUM?
Dear Catchum,
Have you ever been into hospital? I had to have my tonsils out – it was horrible!
Sian Anell.
Once Leland shut my tail in the door and I had to stay in hospital for two weeks with a big plaster cast over the whole of my tail! That Leland's a pest!

TEN TOES?
Dear Catchum,
Please could you tell me how many toes you've got?
Hannah Calvert.
I'm not sure! I'll just have a count – er... one... three... um... six... no... ten... whoops!... four... er... well, you know, the usual amount!

A BIG, SQUIDGY SORRY TO...
Martin Paul Riley who was 5 on July 3rd. Silly Leland made a mistake and put Martin under June 3rd instead! We're very sorry Martin and do hope that you had a lovely birthday!

BINGO'S BRUSH!
Dear Catchum,
Can you tell me what colour Bingo Beaver's toothbrush is?
Daniel Whelan.
Bingo tells me that his toothbrush is bright red! Huh! Mine's a nice, slimy brown – much better!

KID'S STUFF!
Dear Catchum,
Do you like children?
Katherine Butler.
Yep! I think children are great – it's just the Gang I can't stand! My Great Uncle Cruncher used to like children too – with plenty of salt and pepper on! He was a wicked old croc! Chuckle!

Write to:- Mr.C.Crocodile.
Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
23, Redan Place.
London W24SA.

Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!

THE GET ALONG GANG



It's fun, working and playing together!

Now you can join in that fun and adventure with your very own Get Along Gang characters. Six of your furry favourites are available from Tomy as cuddly, lovable friends. You can have Dotty Dog, Zipper Cat, Portia Porcupine, Montgomery "Good News" Moose, Bingo "Bet It All" Beaver and Woolma Lamb.



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All these cute chums come in two sizes, with their own removable colourful clothes.

The larger Gang members also have roller skates that really work.

So come along Get Along Gang fans – and get your favourite gang members only from Tomy – at all good toy shops.